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NOTIFICATION

In compliance with the direction of the Election Commission of India vide letter No. 464/L&O/2023/EPS dated 07.06.2023, the State Government is hereby pleased to designate Shri Avichal, Indian Police Service, Additional Director General of Police, Armed Police and Training as the State Police Nodal Officer (SPNO) for the State of Sikkim for the purpose of preparing and executing detailed plan on law and order and State Deployment Plan to provide adequate and sufficient security to voters, polling personnel, election materials, polling stations, counting centres and other such locations as directed by the Commission in the ensuing General Election, 2024 in addition to his own duties.

2. The State Police Nodal Officer shall *inter-alia* perform the following roles and responsibilities in close coordination with the Chief Electoral Officer, namely :-

- (i) Preparation of State Force Deployment Plan and its approval by Committee consisting of Chief Electoral Officer, State Police Nodal Officer and State CAPF Nodal Officer and finally vetted/modified by the General and Police Observers appointed by the Commission (*Detailed procedure can be referred to in the Manual on Force Deployment*).
- (ii) Prepare multilateral augmentation plan of taking police force/home guards etc. from the neighbouring State, on mutually acceptable terms, for any deficiency in the State Police Force due to large scale retirements and/or lack of fresh inductions.
- (iii) Review and assessment of detailed daily Law & Order situation in the State and ensuring that timely measures are taken in this regard, considering the specific law and order concerns of the State in the context of elections.
- (iv) Coordination with all District SP/Commissioner of Police on election related issues.
- (v) Preparation of training materials and training of all police personnel.
- (vi) Taking specific measures for law and order prescribed by the Commission *inter alia* as follows :-
 - a. Monitoring of past electoral offences.

- b. Preventive actions and measures.
 - c. Vulnerability mapping and corrective measures to prevent intimidation influence, etc.
 - d. Execution of non-bailable warrants from competent courts in time bound manner.
 - e. Special drives for illegal arms, illicit liquor, and contraband.
 - f. Check on illegal transportation and storage of cash and other inducements.
 - g. Any other additional and enhanced measures to maintain and improve law and order.
 - h. Prepare and provide consolidated reports for the State/UT, in LOR-I and LOR-II formats prescribed by the Commission, to the CEO for review and onward submission to the Commission, from announcement of elections till completion of elections.
- (vii) Assessment of requirement of CAPF from the Government of India and convey the requirement to the Chief Electoral Officer with proper justification. Preparation of induction/de-induction plan of CAPF in consultation with State Level Force Coordinator of Ministry of Home Affairs. Make a detailed plan for accommodation, transport, food/ration and security of CAPF, while on move or on static duty.
- (viii) Preparation of phase-wise movement plan of forces and its monitoring.
- (ix) To make contingency plan for rescue, evacuation, hospitalization, air transportation, water transportation, etc. by coordinating with different Departments/Agencies.
- (x) Creating a database of Helipads/Airfields and creating mechanism for inbound/outbound frisking.
- (xi) Close coordination with bordering States for inter-State border sealing, joint operation, etc.
- (xii) Preparation of communication plan by augmenting police wireless system for communication shadow zones.
- (xiii) Preparing security plan for dispatch centres, receiving centres, training centres, strong rooms, warehouses, etc.
- (xiv) Preparing special security plans for LWE area or insurgency prone areas or areas with international borders, as applicable.
- (xv) Close coordination with police observers.
- (xvi) Any other action or activity required, as provided in relevant Manual on Force Deployment etc., for free, fair and peaceful conduct of election under close coordination with Chief Electoral Officer.
3. The term of State Police Nodal Officer (SPNO) shall be for a period of 3 (three) years.

By order and in the name of the Governor.

**V. B. Pathak, IAS
Chief Secretary
Government of Sikkim
File No. Home/Confdl/166/2023**